

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of TexasMAR 08 2018
Clerk of Court

United States of America

v.

1 Ricardo BAUTISTA-Yepez (Y.O.B. 1994)
2 Perla BAUTISTA-Yepez (Y.O.B 1996)
 Citizenship: Mexico

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Case No.

M-18-0496-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of March 7, 2018 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

<i>Code Section</i>	<i>Offense Description</i>
21 USC 841/846/952	Defendants did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute and knowingly and intentionally import into the United States approximately 1.41 kilograms of Heroin, a schedule I controlled substance and attempted or conspired with more than two individuals to commit said offense.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment "A"

 Continued on the attached sheet.*appd-
FEB 13 2018**Carlos Berrios*

Complainant's signature

Carlos Berrios, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 03/07/2018*J. Jordan*

Judge's signature

City and state: McAllen, Texas

Printed name and title

Attachment "A"

On March 07, 2018, at approximately 1312 hours, Ricardo BAUTISTA-Yepez presented himself for inspection by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Hidalgo, Texas Port of Entry via the pedestrian lane accompanied by his sister, Perla BAUTISTA-Yepez. The CBP Officer inspecting Ricardo BAUTISTA conducted a database query resulting in an alert that Ricardo BAUTISTA may be involved in smuggling narcotics. Ricardo and Perla BAUTISTA were escorted to secondary inspection, where CBP Officers searched both subjects for contraband. CBP Officers discovered .709 kilograms of a substance that tested positive for heroin inside the shoes of Ricardo BAUTISTA and .710 kilograms of a substance that tested positive for heroin inside the shoes of Perla BAUTISTA for a total of 1.41 kilograms of heroin. CBP contacted Homeland Security Investigations in McAllen, Texas for assistance.

At approximately 1600 hours, HSI Special Agents arrived at the Hidalgo POE and proceeded to interview Ricardo and Perla BAUTISTA. Ricardo and Perla BAUTISTA stated they met an individual in Mexico who gave each of them a pair of shoes with the drugs inside immediately prior to their crossing into the United States. Ricardo and Perla BAUTISTA then put the shoes on and proceeded to walk into the United States. Ricardo BAUTISTA admitted knowledge of the heroin inside the shoes and Perla BAUTISTA admitted knowledge of drugs inside the shoes. Ricardo and Perla BAUTISTA stated they were going to meet an individual at a nearby Whataburger parking lot, where they were going to get into the individual's car, exchange the shoes for money, and immediately return afoot to Mexico. Perla BAUTISTA stated they would be paid approximately \$700 U.S. Dollars, while Ricardo BAUTISTA stated they would be paid approximately \$800 U.S. Dollars. Ricardo and Perla BAUTISTA stated this is their third trip with drugs in their shoes since March of 2017.